

Online Resources from the SD State Library That Support Social Studies Education

The SD State Library provides online resources to all schools and libraries in South Dakota. The following handout describes how the resources can be used to find information to support social studies education.

Most of the resources are available from home with a library card from an SDLN member library (most of the larger public libraries in SD) or a SD State Library library card. You can request a SD State Library card by clicking on “how do I...” from the SD State Library homepage: <http://www.sdstatelibrary.com>

To login from home use the barcode from the back of the library card and your password is your last name.

SIRS Discoverer (K-9)—selected, full text articles that support national content standards. This resource has searchable pictures, activities, biographical information, reviewed websites and more. Each article has 2 reading levels assigned—Lexile and editorially assigned. Websites have an editorially assigned reading level.

- ❖ Browse Subject Tree: “history and government”
 - See articles on subjects including wars, historic places & landmarks, world history and more.
 - Additional Browse Subject Tree areas include: countries, cultures
- ❖ Database Features: Photo Essays
 - Photos and brief text
 - Subjects covered include:
 - Lewis and Clark
 - Native Americans
- ❖ Database Features: Biographies
 - Find biographical information about famous politicians and other notable people.
- ❖ Database Features: Activities
 - Provides articles grouped by activity
 - Options include: “history projects” and “editorial cartoons”
- ❖ Database Features: Maps of the World
 - See current and historical maps
 - Revolutionary War and Civil War Battlefield maps
- ❖ Database Features: Country Facts
 - Basic country information—population, politics, pronunciation, maps, flags, and more!

SIRS Researcher (6-12)—selected, full-text articles that support national content standards. This resource has a Lexile score for every article.

- ❖ Right hand side—“Curriculum Pathfinders”

- Provides articles, websites, research ideas and more for content areas, including “Social Studies”
- ❖ Searchable images
- ❖ “Leading Issues”—full text articles with research guide, topic overview and pro/con.
Topics include:
 - capital punishment
 - freedom of religion
 - gun control
 - school violence
 - women’s rights

Gale Virtual Reference Library—online reference books. These are the actual books available online. They have an unlimited number of simultaneous users. These will be useful when looking for definitions or basic information.

- ❖ History is a major subject area in our GVRL collection. Titles include:
 - *American Civil War Reference Library* 5v, 2000
 - *Ancient Europe, 8000 B.C. to A.D. 1000: Encyclopedia of the Barbarian World* 2v, 2004
 - *Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History* 5v, 2005
 - *Cold War Reference Library* 6v, 2004
 - *Colonial America Reference Library* 6v, 2000
 - *Dictionary of American History* 3rd ed., 10v, 2003 **2nd most used title in SD’s GVRL collection**
 - *Dictionary of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict* 2v, 2005
 - *Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East and North Africa* 2nd ed., 4v, 2004
 - *Gale Encyclopedia of U.S. Economic History* 2v, 1999
 - *Lucent Terrorism Library: America Under Attack: Primary Sources* 2002
 - *Lucent Terrorism Library: America Under Attack: September 11, 2001* 2002
 - *Lucent Terrorism Library: Civil Liberties and the War on Terrorism* 2004
 - *Lucent Terrorism Library: Terrorists and Terrorist Groups* 2002
 - *Lucent Terrorism Library: The History of Terrorism* 2002
 - *Lucent Terrorism Library: The Iraqi Prisoner Abuse Scandal* 2005
 - *Lucent Terrorism Library: The War Against Iraq* 2004
 - *Middle Ages Reference Library* 5v, 2001
 - *Middle East Conflict Reference Library* 4v, 2006
 - *New Dictionary of the History of Ideas* 6v, 2005
 - *Shaping of America, 1783-1815 Reference Library* 5v, 2006
 - *Terrorism Reference Library* 4v, 2003
 - *World War I Reference Library* 4v, 2002
 - *World War II Reference Library* 5v,

- ❖ Other titles include:

- *Checks and Balances: The Three Branches of the American Government* 3v, 2005
- *Crime and Punishment in America Reference Library* 5v, 2005
- *Encyclopedia of the American Constitution* 2nd ed., 6v, 2000
- *Gale Encyclopedia of Everyday Law* 2nd ed., 2v, 2006
- *Major Acts of Congress* 3v, 2004
- *National Survey of State Laws* Vol. 1, 5th ed., 2005
- *Political Theories for Students* Vol. 1, 2002
- *Revolutionary and Dissident Movements of the World* 4th ed., 2004
- *Supreme Court Drama: Cases That Changed America* 4v, 2001
- *West's Encyclopedia of American Law* 2nd ed., 13v, 2005 ****6th^d most used title in SD's GVRL collection****

NetLibrary—online non-fiction books. These books are limited to 1 user at a time. To “release” a book, you need to “close item” so someone else can view it.





❖ Sample titles include:

- *Women During the Civil War: An Encyclopedia*
- *Battlefields of the Civil War. Vol. 1: A Guide for Travellers*
- *The Revolutionary War (America Goes to War)*
- *The Civil War (America Goes to War)*

Proquest:

Over 3000 journals—indexed and searchable. This resource provides full text articles to many journals. The publication search in Proquest was used to search for journals to support the social studies subject areas. If the journal is in full text, the dates will be listed beside the journal name.

❖ The following titles are some examples:

- *Focus On Geography*; New York  Full Text: 1988 – current
- *American Economist*; Los Angeles  Full Text: 1987 - current
- *Economic Indicators*; Washington  Full Text: 1994 – current
- *Teaching History*; London  Full Text: 1998 – current
- *America's Civil War*; Leesburg Full Text: 1998 - current
- *Civil War History*; Kent Full Text: 1997 - current
- *Civil War Times Illustrated*; Harrisburg Full Text: 1998 - current
- *World War II*; Leesburg Full Text: 1998 - current

Learning Express Library—instant scored practice exams. All exams can be finished later, and answer explanations provided.

❖ Sample exams include:

- AP U.S. History Practice Exams
- AP U.S. Government Practice Exams
- AP European History Practice Exams
- U.S. Citizenship Exam: History and Civics Review

Handouts and tutorials are available on the SD State Library homepage under “For Librarians” “Licensed Databases”

<http://www.sdstatelibrary.com/forlibrarians/licenses/index.htm>

For more information, your school’s librarian will have information about these resources. You may also contact the Electronic Services Coordinator, Julie Erickson, at julie.erickson@state.sd.us or 605-773-3131.